



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As named inventors, **Vincent Houwaert, Paul-Andre Gollier, Patrick Balteau, and Sherwin Shang**, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**PEELABLE SEAL CLOSURE ASSEMBLY**", the Specification of which was filed on March 3, 2004 as United States Application Number **10/792,021**. We hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this Declaration the serial number of said application when officially known..

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the Application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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None	

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States Application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the Claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior Application and the national or PCT international filing date of this Application:

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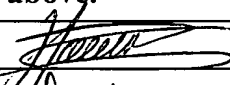
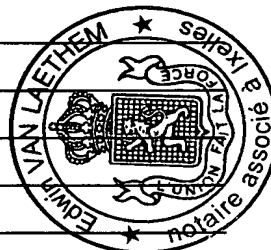
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